

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Frank J. Filippelli, D.O., a 46 year-old physician currently practicing in Newton, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. On May 29, 2002, Dr. Filippelli was charged with engaging in unprofessional conduct and pleading guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance. Dr. Filippelli's Iowa medical license was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. Under the terms of the new combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Dr. Filippelli was charged with failing to call in for random drug screens on numerous occasions and failing to provide a urine sample for drug testing on at least one occasion as required by his Board Order. Dr. Filippelli received a Citation and Warning for violating the terms of his Order.

Gary L. Goldman, M.D., a 37 year-old physician from Forest Hills, New York, was the subject of a Stipulated Licensure Order issued by the Board. On September 3, 2003, the Board denied Dr. Goldman's application for an Iowa resident physician license based on evidence that he failed to provide complete, accurate and truthful information on his application. Dr. Goldman filed an Appeal of the license denial. The Stipulated Licensure Order was issued by the Board to resolve the pending license denial appeal. Under the terms of the Stipulated Licensure Order, the Board withdrew the license denial under the following conditions: Prior to seeking licensure in Iowa, Dr. Goldman must successfully complete a Board-approved competency evaluation. Alternatively, Dr. Goldman may receive an Iowa resident physician license on the condition that he will not be eligible for a permanent Iowa medical license unless he successfully completes three years of post-graduate training. Should the Board grant Dr. Goldman a license in the future, he will receive a Citation and Warning for providing false information on a license application, he must pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and he must successfully complete a professional ethics program.

Thomas M. Mabee, M.D., a 61 year-old surgeon practicing in Davenport, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Mabee was charged with substance abuse. On February 13, 2004, Dr. Mabee successfully completed substance abuse treatment at a Board-approved substance abuse treatment program and the treatment program determined that he is safe to return to the practice of medicine subject to certain terms and conditions. Under the terms of the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Dr. Mabee's Iowa medical license was placed on probation for five years subject to monitoring provisions for substance abuse.

Suzanne E. Munns, M.D., a 47 year-old physician formerly practicing in Waterloo, Iowa, entered into a

combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. On November 16, 2000, the Board suspended Dr. Munns' Iowa medical license due to substance abuse. On April 3, 2001, Dr. Munns' license was reinstated and placed on five years probation under certain terms and conditions. On July 25, 2002, Dr. Munns was charged with testing positive for drugs in violation of her Board Order and her license was indefinitely suspended. On May 29, 2003, Dr. Munns' license was reinstated and placed on a new five years probation. On January 22, 2004, the Board reviewed information indicating Dr. Munns recently tested positive for drugs on more than one occasion. Under the terms of the most recent Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Dr. Munns' Iowa medical license is indefinitely suspended.

Dennis C. Ridgway, D.O., a 49 year-old family practice physician from West Des Moines, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license reinstated. On April 15, 2003, the Board filed a Statement of Charges and Emergency Order immediately suspending Dr. Ridgway's license due to substance abuse. On May 29, 2003, Dr. Ridgway entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board which indefinitely suspended his license pending a substance abuse evaluation and a recommendation from a Board-approved substance abuse treatment program that Dr. Ridgway is safe to return to the practice of medicine. On January 9, 2004, the Board received a substance abuse evaluation report indicating that Dr. Ridgway is safe to return to the practice of medicine under certain monitoring requirements. Under the terms of the Reinstatement Order, Dr. Ridgway's Iowa medical license was placed on five years probation subject to certain terms and conditions.